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TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 17.

The people in the east are planting their crops, and Texas is preparing to garner her harvest.

The recent copious rains have shown our citizens the urgent necessity of good dirt roads in Tarrant county.

Two Missouri girls have recently kissed President Cleveland. Who the deuce wouldn't be a President any how?

Bismarck has just blocked the little game of the Russian nabob, and Europe is once more waiting developments.

There must be exceptions to all rules. Jake Sharp, the bribery prince, is on trial, and yet it is quite impossible to find a "jury of his peers" to try his case.

Miss Susana Medora Salter has been elected mayor of Arizona, Kan. She is twenty-seven years of age and proposes to "salt" those who violate the ordinances.

Judge Masterson of Houston has promised to "sub." for Judge Cook while the latter gentleman is stumping the state for the antis. This, presumably, is "official courtesy."

The National Democracy meets every four years with monotonous regularity to nominate presidential candidates and to inform Charles A. Dana that he is not the Democratic party.

New York is about to receive 2,000,000 shad eggs from the general government. The shad industry in Texas seems to have fallen into an innocuous desuetude ever since Brother Stettin appointed Mr. Jo Baines its chief.

The New York Tribune announces authoritatively the fact that Chauncey M. Depew will under no circumstances be a candidate for President on the Republican ticket. The country should feel relieved.

The National Republican of Washington is laboring assiduously to convince Virginians that they can pay their debts. If the English bondholders would accept Mahone and Riddleberger as a compromise, Virginia would call it even.

The London Spectator gives American authors the credit of superiority in the art of writing short stories. Surely, this is a revelation! The idea that all superior productions are not born upon British soil is a startling innovation.

In her jubilee year Queen Victoria may derive some consolation from the fact that during her fifty year reign there have been in Ireland 1,225,000 deaths from starvation; 3,365,000 evictions for non-payment of rent and 4,185,000 lost by emigration.

The Nashville American, which has been the only Democratic journal of prominence in Tennessee, was sold recently to a blast-furnace, and will henceforth advocate Randallism. Tennessee offers many inducements to a sound Democratic newspaper.

"Visual Synchronism" is a new patent secured by Rogers, the father of the Pan Electric Telephone. He invites capitalists to join him with their money, and promises them fabulous returns. He distinctly places the ban of eternal excommunication on our Attorney-General, Garland.

The United States are, with the exception of England, the largest manufacturers of cotton goods in the world. The number of yards of cloth exported last year reached the enormous figures of 4,850,030,200. This is 450,000,000 yards more than the average shipment of the two previous years.

Mrs. Michael Davitt promises to become a prime factor in Irish politics before long. At a charity concert recently

she sang with great effect, "The Wearing of the Green," and aroused frantic enthusiasm. The next thing will likely be a compulsory visit to Kilmainham.

CANADA is agitated over the fears of an invasion by America or Russia. Just what anybody would want to invade Canada for is not given. The lake defenses are to be strengthened, from which we may reasonably infer that the "second son" of some English nobleman wants a place and must have it.

THE son of Charles Dickens, the novelist, is the managing editor of a London daily newspaper. After reading over a bushel or two of communications from Vox Populi, Taxpayer and the rest of the anonymous family, he doubtless imagines that his distinguished father knew nothing about picturing acute misery.

This story is vouched for: Little girl to her playmate who is the constable's daughter: "Amy, won't you lend me your skipping rope?" Amy: "I would like to Bessie, but your father is prohibition and mine is anti. On account of his official position I cannot do anything which would give a political flavor to the campaign."

UNCLE SAM should brush up his sword and pick his flint lock. He may have use for it any moment. Canadians say we can not take bait within reach of their guns, and a revenue war ship has been ordered to Alaska for the purpose of selling to the highest bidder two British fishing vessels. We may have a set to with John Bull any of these fine mornings.

ONE of Queen Victoria's sons has chief command of the English army in India. He wanted to come home to his mama's jubilee, and when he asked the House of Commons to let him, the sluices of censure were thrown open upon the policy of the government, in permitting the Queen to appoint her sons to positions for which they were not qualified. The democratic spirit is gaining a foothold in Albion.

MRS. JAMES BROWN POTTER created some excitement in Washington by reading "Ostler Joe," a poem of questionable propriety. Since then she has been preparing for the stage. Her debut in London has not been a success, and she will return home and try her fortunes in America. As an actress she may not be much; as Fred Grant's sister-in-law, she may "draw."

EDITOR O'BRIEN is liable to find a warm reception in Toronto. The Orangemen are excited, and have laid in a supply of antiquated eggs and other more forcible weapons. This is all good enough when no other argument can be found. The truth cannot be suppressed in this manner, however. If O'Brien has right on his side, the cause he represents must sooner or later triumph, and wisdom should dictate the policy of listening to him.

JUPITER PLUVIUS, accompanied by his friend and fellow-townsmen, Jupiter Tonans, have been holding high carnival in West Texas for some days past. We cordially welcome these distinguished gentlemen with true Texas hospitality, but we humbly beg of them not to be so demonstrative. Washing away mail-coaches and ruining all the sitting eggs may be en,regle on the Olympian heights, but from our worldly, sortid standpoint we do not believe it to be conducive to the best interests of Texas.

THE Temple Times is right. "Any question of government involving a decision at the ballot-box is political," but every such question is not partisan, and a test of party fealty. Were every "question of government involving a decision at the ballot-box" a partisan one, then the proposed amendment to the Texas constitution providing for the assessment and collection of taxes in unorganized counties would furnish a test for party fealty. Does the Times see the point?

MR. STEVENSON, in his book, "New Despotism of the Representative," is an English prophet who thinks our republic must come to pieces in about thirteen years, and that from necessity we will have to adopt the monarchical system of government. Cavendish, a titled countryman of his, made the same prediction in his "Downfall of the Great Republic" a century ago. While we should never forget that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, there is no occasion for alarm because of these prophecies. The people of America are too intelligent and too patriotic. Some men and some bodies of men have usurped power to which they had no title, in the past, and may do so in the future. The integrity of American citizenship has never failed to rebuke them. Our people know that they are the government as well as the governed, and that they have it in their power at all times to correct abuses.

COSTLY COSTUMES.

To the plain Democrat, whose adolescence was passed in jeans and homespun, and whose youthful eyes flashed with unutterable delight and admiration upon seeing his sweetheart arrayed in fresh cotton stripes, the rustling of a silk dress, the floating foaminess of immaculate muslins, or the gleam of jewels, must always be more or less exciting. It is difficult to grow familiar to them. What would become of us did we stand in the Queen's drawing room and witness the toilets of our wealthy American sisters who are setting London wild with jealousy by their artistic magnificence, is

difficult to determine. At a late reception given by Queen Victoria some of the costumes are thus described:

Mrs. Henry Horton wore an artistic and costly gown. The petticoat was of white satin, the front breadth of which was embroidered with pearl point and the corsage hand embroidered, with silver bullion. The train from the right shoulder was four yards long, and composed of silver brocade flowers on point de sole, and lined with turquoise, blue ottoman silk and reverse of same, upon which were placed seven clusters of three tips each. At the center of her corsage was a veritable Kohinoor on the left of a huge diamond crescent. Her hair was beautifully dressed with diamond-headed pins.

The most extraordinary display of jewels was that made by Lady Lacom. On the right side of her hair was a magnificent fly veil fastened by three diamond stars, and in her hair at the nape of the neck was a diamond bar. Round her neck were two ropes of pearls, each at least as large as a good-sized pea, and then below this and falling far down on the bust was a wonderful diamond necklace with a pendant diamond fringe two inches in depth. On the right side of the corsage was a huge dragon fly, the body a single pearl of enormous size, and between that and the middle of the corsage were two diamond stars. In the middle of the corsage was a diamond arrow at least five inches in length with a large crescent. In the center of the left side of the corsage a huge emerald brooch was surrounded by diamonds, and her train was fastened to the shoulder by a diamond and emerald star. Her ear-rings were screws and as large as hazel nuts. The display created a genuine sensation.

The most magnificent toilette was that of Mrs. Austin Huntington, a debutante and wife of the prominent New York lawyer. The petticoat was of pale yellow canton crepe, draped most aesthetically with clusters of plumes. The train was four and a half yards long and of pale yellow satin brocade with large flowers in genuine silver bullion, the right side of the train round and trimmed with five clusters of three tips each, the left side square and plain with three tips. In her hair was a white tulle veil and a bouquet of Marechal Niel roses backed by genuine Valenciennes lace. The dress was simply beautiful. The ornaments were diamonds, which were in great profusion. In a cluster of feathers were aigrettes of solid silver, and on the left shoulder were three lemon-colored tips, also with silver aigrettes. The train was lined with yellow satin.

The gorgeous magnificence of these costumes is doubtless charming. To the man whose cash assets have to be tied in the corner of a bandana handkerchief, to prevent their being lost in his pocket, it is most exquisitely appalling. It is not because most of the callers on the Queen wear the greater portion of their dresses on the ground, with bare bust and shoulders, as though they had crawled half way out of their garments, but because of the impossibility of the average mortal being financially able to array his spouse in such dazzling splendor. A water-bucketful of silver dollars, supplemented by a shot-sackful of gold, is as much as the most ambitious of us can hope to spend in arraying our better halves for any one evening, yet the sum would not half dress her in the fashionable undress full-dress mentioned.

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RAILROAD BUILDING AND THE INTER-STATE LAW.

When Congress passed the inter-state bill there was a great deal of foreboding and a fair amount of amateur prophesying as to the effect on railroad construction. Gentlemen supposed to be well up in railroad matters, and competent to give "pointers," were heard to say the roads would call a halt until able to see how the law worked; that the amount of building would not go on to any great extent this year—some other year perhaps, but not now. It is a consolation and a big one to know that so far as Texas is concerned, the gloomy prophecies have not hit the mark. As a matter of fact there is a great deal of activity in railroad construction in Texas at this time, and some of the enterprises are large ones. The Fort Worth projects, alone, are on a big scale, giving employment to great bodies of laborers and turning loose thousands of dollars every day. Then the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas, will build three or four very important extensions; in fact the Cotton Belt people are on the move as though they wanted a good portion of the earth—and their pluck deserves it. The San Antonio and Aransas Pass is pushing its Boerne extension right along, and only the other day its engineers drove the last stake on the Waco survey, and that branch will be urged forward with vigor. The Gould system is building the Bastrop branch and the Dallas-Waco branch. We have a well grounded idea that within a year the gauge of the Bremond road will be broadened all the way from Houston to Shreveport, and at the latter place it will find a St. Louis connection with the Cotton Belt. No, men and brethren, it is by no means an off year in Texas in the way of railroad building, no matter what the contention over the long and short hauls. The roads are building for some more quite long hauls in Texas and between the rains and the railroads we are not grumbling. By the time the roads carry out their plans it is altogether probable the common sense and equity of the courts and people will have settled all the intricacies of the law and we will keep on building railroads in Texas—Fort Worth, as usual, keeping at the head of the procession.

TEXAS IN TYPE.

Clippings from State Exchanges on Matters of Interest.

Nacogdoches wants a cotton-seed oil mill.
Crops are growing nicely in Trinity county.

Wichita Falls is getting to be quite a wool market.
Corsicana claims the largest planing mill in the state.

Water courses in Wilbarger county are reported bank full.
The Rusk Standard tells of a cat nearly eighteen years old.

The refrigerator works at El Paso began operations May 13.
The county buildings of Grayson county are progressing rapidly.

In Williamson county the cotton and corn crop prospect is flattering.
The late rains in Hunt county have killed much of the young cotton.

Delta county has not had such a rain before in years as fell last week.
The farmers of Grayson county are enthusiastic over the crop prospects.

Maricfield claims to have 100,000 pounds of wool awaiting purchasers.
The wool receipts at Colorado for the last week amounted to 61,000 pounds.

Temple certainly did itself much credit in the entertainment of the firemen of the state.
A club has been organized at Boerne to be known as the Kendall County Jockey Club.

Horseback riding among the ladies of many Texas towns is becoming quite common.
Wheat and oat crops will be light in Cooper county. The peaches and apples are a failure.

The prospect for an abundant fruit crop in Nacogdoches county is as fine as was ever seen at this season.
On many of the farms in Wilbarger county the owners average their wheat crop at twenty bushels to the acre.

Large quantities of plums are being shipped daily from Jacksonville, and shippers are preparing to handle a large peach crop.
The farmers around Alvord are now busy working out weeds, caused by the fine rains which have thoroughly soaked the ground.

The Brady Sentinel reports the Colorado river on a boom, and adds that two more good rains will insure a fine corn crop and an abundance of feed.
There will be a larger acreage in corn and cotton in Clay county this year than ever before, and from the present outlook there will be an unusually heavy yield of both crops.

The scholastic census of Abilene just completed foots up 441 white children within the scholastic ages, and thirteen colored; 212 white males, 229 white females; nine colored males, four colored females.
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Mrs. W. Y. Gault, Mount Vernon, May 9.
Clarence W. Coursey, Blossom Prairie, May 9.

Mrs. Mollie Lewis, near Crafton, May 6.
Mrs. Anna E. Kendrick, Plano, May 8.
Colonel H. S. Elnor, Hempstead, May 9.
Mrs. S. Stovall, Cleburne, May 12.
Mrs. S. Sallie Parker, Center, May 9.
John W. Collins, near Kinneyville, May 11.

Shall We Drop Into the Sun.
Waco Day.

A writer in THE GAZETTE advances a theory which might now be accepted as based on very fair scientific deductions. If it had come down to us with the sanction of the past. It is that the earth is an off-shoot of the sun and part of that luminary—that in the process of formation it was filled with gases and by the buoyancy thus given it rose through the blue ether of space, superior to the sun's attraction, until it reached the point in the solar system which it now occupies, being held in position by an equisop of internal gas and external solar attraction, two forces which are as absolutely centrifugal and centripetal as those now falsely attributed to other causes. When the earth reached the line of its present orbit, this writer says, the force of the sun's attraction equalled, but could not overcome the buoyancy of the gas stored in the earth, which resulted in the earth remaining stationary, and so it remains. Pursuing his subject, he says the formation of gas in the bowels of the earth is subject to the laws which govern the formation of gas in any gas factory. The supply is sometimes greater, sometimes less. This difference is regulated by safety valves well known to scientists, viz: The volcanoes. If too much gas is generated it escapes through these safety valves, and thus nature preserves an equilibrium. Then follows a warning to man not to disturb the harmony of these laws by opening artificial vents to this buoyant quality of the earth, or, in other words, not to bore for natural gas. Otherwise, as this supply is exhausted, the earth will be gradually but surely drawn toward the sun and finally fall back into the seething mass of its intense heat and be resolved into its original chaos.

How Houston Talks.
Houston Post.

But, then.
There is no "but then" about it. If Houston expects to grow and become a great city it must get people all over the country talking about it. Excite their curiosity.

Induce them to come here and look around and see what we have got to make a great city of.
Pull down the screens.
Meet the visitors at the depot with a brass band if necessary.

But when they get here?
Ah, there's the rub.
Talk?

Why talk is half the battle, if you talk the right way.
But be sure you talk the right way. Don't begin to preach a sermon on hard times and to tell of the vanity of all Houston's aims and ambitions.

Be truthful.
Be just.
Don't make your visitor believe that the only boom Houston has is in the local papers.

The local papers are not in need of your assistance in the way of criticism, and it will not help the city to criticize them to strangers.
Take your visitor over into East Houston.

There's a sight.
Show him the big railroad shops, the two oil mills, the Union depot and where the big brewery is to stand.
But don't tell him you don't believe Houston is going to raise the money for the refrigerator; that you don't like the way the committee is conducting the thing.

Don't say these things.
It wouldn't be right for a man who hasn't subscribed a cent to say them. Tell the truth.

Say that every growing and ambitious city is composed of three elements.
Those who work patriotically, vigorously and intelligently for its advancement.

Those who are in a state of apathy or indifference.
And those who take a curious delight in discouraging the efforts of others by ridicule, by a persistent denial that any progress can be or has been accomplished, and by boasting of every other city besides their own.

The latter class are called croakers, but they really are something worse, for their opposition does not arise simply from despondency, but from that unenviable spirit which will neither act itself nor suffer others to act.

But does it pay to talk up and boom a town?
Does it?
Ask Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, Wichita, Denver, Sioux City, Louisville, Atlanta, Birmingham, and even Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex.

Read the papers published in these places.
Louisville raised \$20,000 to have occasional special editions of the Courier-Journal issued; Denver has a very large special advertising fund, while forty business men of Omaha have subscribed \$250 each to put in printer's ink.

Does it pay?
What a question.
Greenville Firemen to Entertain.

Special to THE GAZETTE.
GREENVILLE, TEX., May 16.—The Dick Hubbard Fire Company of Greenville give a grand parade and picnic here on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Preparations have been in progress for several weeks. Two full companies of firemen, those of McKinney and Sulphur Springs, have signified their intention to be present and participate. Five or six other companies from various places will be represented by delegations from their respective companies. A special train will run between here and Sulphur Springs, from which place it is understood there will be some 300 persons, also 100 to 200 from McKinney. An elaborate programme has been announced by the arrangement committee. A band ball at the opera house at 10 o'clock will form the attractive finale of the occasion. The Missouri Pacific roads will issue excursion tickets at two-thirds fare.

Fine Opening for a Dentist.
The death of Dr. J. P. Connelly, dentist, of Hubbard City, Tex., leaves a fine opening for a dentist in a good town, no dentist being nearer than twenty-four miles in a well-settled country. His outfit, Archer chair and complete set of implements, for sale. Call on or address W. P. Connelly, Hubbard City, Hill County, Tex.

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